

Meeting Minutes

Meeting name	Eden Cruise Wharf Community Consultative Committee		
Date	5 December 2024	Time	5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Location	Virtual via Microsoft Teams and in person at the Eden Welcome Centre		
Meeting chair	Jenny Symons		

1. Introductions and apologies

Larissa Shashkof recorded the meeting for minute-taking purposes. In the absence of Jenny Symons (Chair) the meeting commenced with introductions and updates.

Attendees

Members

Jenny Symons (Chair)
Deb Meers (Cruise Eden)
Jason Lewington (Eden Visitor Information Centre)
Gail Ward (Community member)
John Aveyard (Community member)
Rob Bain (Community member / POEM)
Eric Wolske (Eden Chamber of Commerce)

Guests

Kalieg Smerdon (Bega Valley Shire Council)
Andrew Dooley (Transport for NSW)
Adam Milgate (Transport for NSW)
Peter Lipman (Port Authority of NSW)
Sam Isaacs (Port Authority of NSW)
Benjamin Dayman (Port Authority of NSW)
Francisca Alvarez (Port Authority of NSW)
Larissa Shashkof (Port Authority of NSW)
Lana Wills (Port Authority of NSW)
Colleen Elcham (Port Authority of NSW)
Alix Carpenter (Port Authority of NSW)

Apologies

Jenny Robb (Community member)
Leanne Scott (Community member)
Richard Lamacraft (Community member)
Robyn Arthur (Community member / Twofold Bay Yacht Club)
Isaac Smith (Transport for NSW)
Russell Fitzpatrick (Bega Valley Shire Council)
Emily Harrison (Bega Valley Shire Council)
Peter Wild (Bega Valley Shire Council)
Dean Muscat (Eden LALC)
Dan O'Connell (Port Authority of NSW)
Paul Webster (Port Authority of NSW)

4. Business arising from previous minutes

No outstanding items or comments on the minutes of the 11 September 2024 meeting.

5. Port Authority Update

Cruise update

Peter Lipman updated the Committee in relation to the 2024/25 cruise season:

- One noise complaint due to a compulsory quarantine announcement made from the Royal Princess.
- Busy season with multiple vessels arriving, including larger vessels like the Ovation of the Seas.
- Acknowledgment of Sam Isaacs's efforts in facilitating the arrival of the Ovation of the Seas.

Eden Mod 3

Sam Isaacs updated the Committee:

- Planning approval for MOD3 was received with the approval and conditions of approval available on the Port Authority website.
- The first Quantum Class vessel booked to call in February 2025 – Ovation of the Seas.
- Port Authority is undertaking the environmental monitoring associated with the first arrival of a Quantum Class vessel, including:
 1. Air quality monitoring of the cruise season.
 2. Water quality monitoring around the arrival and departure of the Ovation of the Seas.
- The environmental monitoring reports will be made publicly available on our website on completion of the seasons monitoring and analysis.

Asset Management

Benjamin Daymen updated the Committee

- Oiling of the Welcome Centre and remediation of artworks is complete.
- Port Authority is undertaking maintenance inspections and treatments of the Cruise Wharf and Breakwater.
- Discussion on the need for cover where passengers load onto the ship and issues with bifold doors of the Welcome Centre.
- Request for bin enclosures to improve aesthetics and functionality.

In response to questions by the CCC, Benjamin Daymen advised

- Oiling of the Welcome Centre will be planned every 3-5 years, depending on the condition of the building.
- Port Authority will be repairing the Welcome Centre doors and considering options for wet weather and sun protection.

Jenny Symons arrived and chaired the meeting.

Draft Five Year Eden CCC Compliance Report

Discussion on the compliance requirements for the Eden Breakwater Wharf extension project.

- The CCC was set up as part of our planning obligations for the Eden Wharf and we have come to the end of the formal requirements.

- A summary report of the CCC's activities over the past five years has been drafted by Francisca Alvarez (Port Authority) which must be endorsed by members.
- Once endorsed the final report will be submitted to the Planning Secretary.
- Kaliegh Smerdon commented that council endorses the Draft Five Year CCC Compliance Report and supports the formation of the new Eden Stakeholder Group which will provide greater coordination and communication amongst agencies.

Action

- **Members endorsed the Draft Five Year Eden CCC Compliance Report.**

Eden Stakeholder Group Terms of Reference

Larissa Shashkof explained that Port Authority and Transport for NSW will seek members for the new Eden Stakeholder Group through an Expression of Interest (EOI) with plans to hold the first meeting in late March 2025.

- The EOI will be advertised through direct emails, local newspaper, social media, and notice boards.
- Applicants for membership will need to complete a short online form on the Port Authority website.
- The tentative timeline for the new group
 - Expression of Interest closing date mid February 2025
 - New members will be finalised early March 2025.
 - First meeting to be held late March 2025.

In response to discussion of the new Eden Stakeholder Group

- Port Authority confirmed that individual community members are able to submit an EOI and we will review Terms of Reference for clarity.
- Port Authority and Transport for NSW confirmed they will alternate the chairing and minutes of the meeting. Representatives from each organisation will be attend the meeting in person when appropriate.
- Port Authority and Transport for NSW supported the website publication of meeting minutes.

Action

- **Members supported the Terms of Reference for the Eden Stakeholder Group.**

Note: following the meeting members suggested an amendment to the Terms of Reference to ensure references to "Eden Welcome Centre" be updated to read Eden Tourism Incorporated. The reasoning behind this request is that Eden Welcome Centre is the building. Eden Tourism Incorporated (ETI) covers the Board of ETI, the staff and volunteers in the Eden Visitor Information Centre (EVIC) and the staff and volunteers with Cruise Eden. This would allow representation from the ETI Board, EVIC and Cruise Eden concurrently. Port Authority and Transport for NSW supported this suggestion and updated the Terms of Reference.

6. Transport for NSW - Marine Infrastructure Delivery Office (MIDO) update

Snug Cove Maritime Precinct

Andrew Dooley provided an update:

- Objectives for the Snug Cove Maritime Precinct remain unchanged.

- Response to Submissions Report is complete and publication on project webpage is imminent. Transport for NSW has determined that project may proceed subject to conditions.
- Geophysical investigations to assess seabed conditions has occurred.
- Decision by the Commonwealth Government on the grant is still pending. Ongoing efforts to secure delivery phase funding.

In response to questions from the CCC, Andrew Dooley advised

- Transport for NSW is unable to increase the scope of the project to include a travel lift or additional vessel maintenance facilities.
- Review of Environmental Factors (REF) approval is active for five years.

Action: Presentation will be circulated with the meeting minutes.

7. BVSC - Public utilities and services

Kaliegh Smerdon provided an update:

- Port Authority and Bega Valley Shire Council hosted an international trade delegation and presented on Snug Cove developments and the cruise industry.
- Delegates showed interest in the Marina project, and we will follow up with Ian Smith from the Department of Regional to provide more information to those interested.
- The Mayor effectively advocated for the region, and the next steps involve following up with delegates and advancing the planning process.
- Securing federal funding remains a key challenge to the Snug Cove Marina project and important for community members to advocate for support of the project.
- Council's outdoor team is addressing delays with non-compliant seats that were scheduled for installation.
- Ongoing discussions with the Eden Aboriginal Land Council and a working group has been formed to discuss the future vision for the site.

8. Questions and general business

- Acknowledgment of the importance of Cruise Eden's role in supporting the local cruise industry.
- Port Authority and Bega Valley Shire Council advised that they are progressing discussions with Cruise Eden in relation to the jointly funded cruise coordinator position.
- Port Authority thanked Jenny Symons for her role as Chair of the Committee over the past five years.

9. Close of meeting

- There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6.30pm.